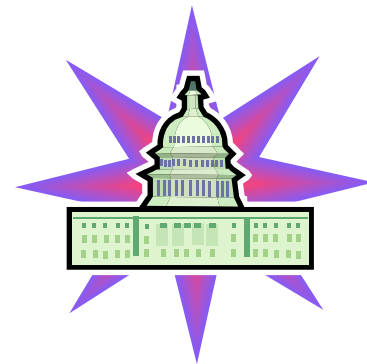


# FNS Update



**WIC EBT User Group Meeting**

**September 20, 2011**

**Pittsburgh, PA**

# Agenda

- **MIS and EBT Status Report**
- **Technology Funding**
- **Reauthorization**
- **Planning for Change:**
  - Regulations
  - Standards
  - Retailer Issues
  - Other Initiatives



# MIS Update

## State Agency Models (SAM)

- SPIRIT –
  - Implemented 2007
  - EBT 2008
  - Approved transfer to seven State agencies (AR, MO, MT, MN, ME, AK, MS)
  - Moratorium still in place

# MIS Update

## State Agency Models (SAM)-con't

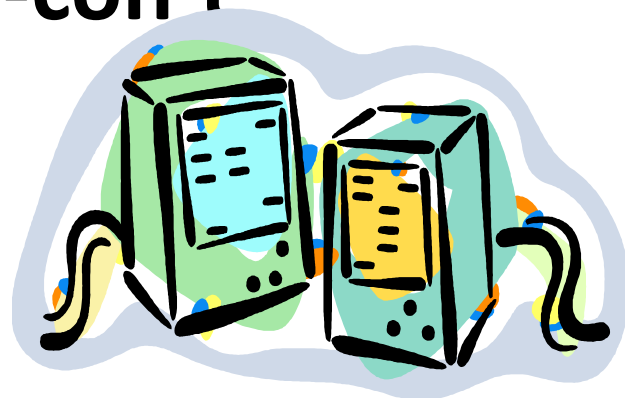
- **MPSC-**
  - UT and CO pilots successful
  - Rollout complete October 2011 (UT & CO)
  - WY pilot Summer 2012 (EBT capable)
  - Transfer policy issued September 2011



# MIS Update

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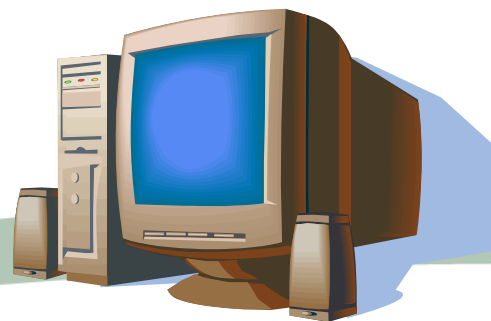
- **Crossroads**
  - Working on final development/interfaces
  - UAT Spring 2012
  - Pilot Fall 2012/rollout Jan 2013
  - VA & WV will do EBT concurrently



# MIS Update

**Many other State agencies have recently completed and/or are working on upgrading systems, and/or are in the planning stages.**

- **New or upgraded systems: AZ, KS, ID, TX, FL, DE, SD, NATIONS, and.....**
- **Planning: CA, CT, IN, NE, NJ, NY, OR, VT, WA, and.....**



Planning by "NATIONS": Eastern Shoshone, Northern Arapaho - WY ;  
 Ute Mountain - CO; Winnebago, Omaha, Santee Sioux - NE; Cheyenne  
 River, Rosebud - SD; Standing Rock, Three Affiliated Tribes - ND



# Current EBT Status

- **EBT Statewide (9):** Wyoming, New Mexico, Texas, Michigan, Nevada, ITCN, Isleta, Cherokee & Chickasaw Nation
  - **EBT Expansion (1):** Kentucky (completion in October)
  - **EBT Design & Development (8):**
    - 2010: Oklahoma, Virginia, West Virginia
    - **2011: Arkansas, Montana, Oregon, Pennsylvania**
- Other: **Wisconsin**





# Current EBT Status

## • EBT Planning (40 CURRENTLY Planning):

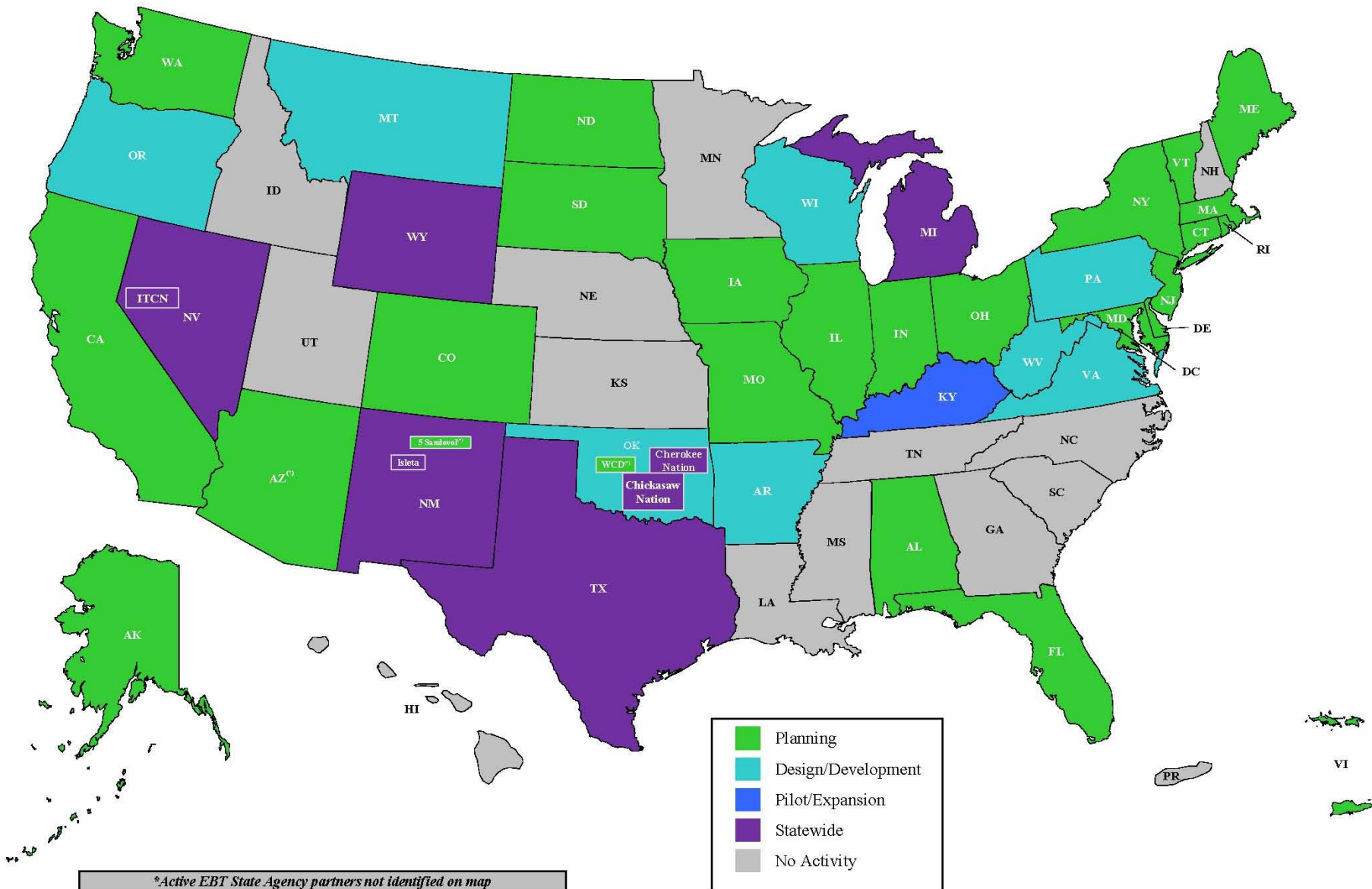
- 2008: FL, ~~AR~~, ~~WI~~ (3 State agencies)
- 2009: AL, CO, DE, DC, IL, MO, ~~MT~~, ~~OR~~, ~~PA~~ (9 SAs)
- 2010: CA, CT, IN, IA, ME, NY, RI, WA (8 SAs)
- **2011: AK, AZ (w/ CNMI, NN, Guam & Am. Samoa), MD/VI, MA, ND, SD, VT, OK ITOs (WCD, Choctaw, ITC-OK, Osage, Otoe-Missouria) (16 SAs)**

**ALSO:** NJ, OH, LA, PR + NM ITOs (5 Sandoval, ACL, 8 Northern & Zuni) (8 SAs)

- **Other (1):** Vermont --- CVB



**WIC EBT Activity - September 2011**



*\*Active EBT State Agency partners not identified on map*

WCD (lead):	Muscogee Creek Nation, Oto-Missouria, Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) of Oklahoma, Osage Nation, Choctaw Nation
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5 Sandoval (lead): ACL, Zuni, 8 Northern

Arizona (lead): American Samoa, Mariana Islands, Guam, Navajo Nation

# Technology Funding

- **FY 2009, 2010, and 2011 = \$100, \$60 and \$35 million respectively**
- **FY 2012 - ????**
- **Funding sources for technology projects:**
  - ARRA -- FY 2009 only
  - National office grants (\$35 M “pot”; multi-purpose/infrastructure)
  - Regional infrastructure
  - Operational adjustment funds (OA)
  - Nutrition services and administration funds (NSA grant)
  - State appropriated funds (RARE!)





# ARRA Update

- **41 SAs awarded funds for 53 projects**
- **Major categories and amounts of awards were as follows (approximately):**
  - ✓ **\$34 million for State agencies with *existing* electronic benefit transfer (EBT) (\$9 M) and State Agency Model (SAM) projects (\$25 M)**
  - ✓ **\$3 million for new EBT Planning projects (9 SAs)**
  - ✓ **\$5.5 million for new SAM Transfer projects (2 SAs)**
  - ✓ **\$57.4 million for Miscellaneous Technology projects**

# ARRA Update

## As of July 2011:

- 3 projects completed (ND, OR, & UT)
- 23 projects over 50% completed
- 23 projects started, but less than 50% completed
- 4 projects not started
- Approx. \$56 million outlayed/obligated
- Audit completed – cited for incomplete documentation on outlays and improper/missing jobs created information





# FY 2011 Technology Funding



## Priorities for funding:

- Existing EBT/SAM State agencies with current cooperative agreements
- New EBT projects (planning and implementation)
- Funding for new MIS – SAM transfers (100%), other new MIS outside SAM (75%)
- Other IT projects that further FNS's goals to upgrade WIC technology – projects related to technical standards, UPC database, etc.



# FY 2012 Funding



	President's Budget	House Mark	Senate Full Committee
<b>Appropriation</b>	\$7,390,100,000	\$6,001,074,000	\$6,582,497,000
<b>Participation Supported</b>	9.613 million	8.36 million	8.98 million
<b>Technology Funding</b>	\$60 million	\$49.6 million	\$35 million*
<b>Infrastructure</b>	\$14 million	\$13.9 million	\$14 million*

- Average FY 11 participation to date: **8.93 million**
- House has .2% rescission
- Food inflation – unknown concern
- House report language requires EBT implementation plan and states that MIS does NOT have to be updated first
- \*Senate technology and infrastructure funding tied to caseload

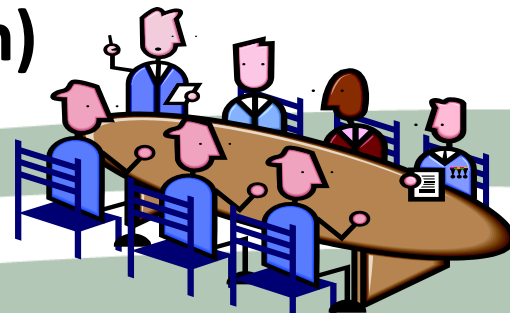
# Reauthorization

- **Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act signed into law Dec. 13, 2010**
- **Reauthorization extends Program through September 30, 2015**
- **The Reauthorization Bill contains the following provisions for EBT:**
  - **2020 mandate**
  - **Reporting requirements (status reports, implementation plans, cost information, etc.)**
  - **Cost and cost sharing guidelines with vendors during implementation & Statewide operations (no M&O for multi-function systems and equipment)**
  - **Provides authority to establish and require adherence to technical standards and operating rules**
  - **Other items – lane coverage, fees, UPC database....**



# Planning for Change

- **Complete regulations/policies implementing EBT provisions in Reauthorization Act**
- **Issue Implementation Plan (in House report language)**
- **Work with stakeholders to improve & standardize processes and system designs (operating rules, technical standards, MIS/EBT interface specifications, standardized retailer certifications, and other areas which will facilitate EBT implementation)**



# Planning for Change

- **EBT Operating Rules (the “what”):**
  - Defines rules for processing WIC transactions
  - Collaborative effort involving many key stakeholders
  - Describes requirements for WIC State agencies, EBT processors, WIC retail vendors, and WIC participants

**For additional information:** UGM session for overview at 10:30; detailed session Wednesday at 4:00

# Planning for Change

- **Technical Implementation Guidance (TIG) – (the “how”)**
  - Goal: one way to do *each* technology (one “flavor”)
  - Describes how online and smart card transactions are processed and how WIC files are built

**Upcoming Sessions:** Overview UGM at 10:30; detailed session Thursday at 1:30

# Planning for Change

- **MIS/EBT Universal Interface**

- Collaborative effort among key stakeholders
- Provides functional requirements for the interface between the MIS and EBT system
- We will be evaluating comments & finalizing ASAP

**To learn more:** Overview session during UGM at 10:30 & a more detailed session Thursday at 8:00

# Planning for Change

- **Retailer issues**
  - Certifications – current practices & outlook
  - Retailer integration plan



**For more information:** Two sessions 1) UGM at 1:30, and 2) Thursday at 3:30

# Planning for Change

- **Other FNS initiatives:**
  - Revised funding process for EBT
  - Update EBT Chapter of Handbook 901
  - Create sample documents for State agencies
  - Examine and revise cost analysis tool
  - Develop EBT fact sheet/Q and As
  - NUPC – Update on where we are immediately after this session

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**WAKE UP – and ask your question!!!!**

